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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that two individuals were indicted on Tuesday, August 26, 2003, by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas. Those indicted include:

- ! **Ariel Rosales**, 18, Mexico, currently in custody, is charged with three counts of transporting individuals, who were in the country illegally, in a Ford F-150 pickup on August 20, 2003, to August 21, 2003, in Grant County, Kansas. Rosales was arrested August 21 after the pickup he was driving collided with a semi-trailer truck on U.S. 160. One person was killed in the collision and three were seriously injured, including Rosales.

If convicted, Rosales faces a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

- ! **Michael Hendrix**, 35, Garden City, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of receiving child pornography over the internet from November 1, 1999, through March 3, 2003, in Finney County, Kansas, and one count of forfeiture of a computer tower used to commit the offense.

If convicted, Hendrix faces a maximum of fifteen years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Finney County Sheriff's Dept. and the FBI.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.